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RESOLUTION NO. 09-16 WEST LINN, OREGON

A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL INDICATING ITS SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONSIDERING WEST LINN AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR A SOLAR HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, in 2006, the City of West Linn adopted the Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan that discusses and advocates for the City and the community to adopt practices that are more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability plan also calls for the “built environment” to generate the energy it uses; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in partnership with Portland General Electric (PGE) and other entities, has developed the nation’s first Solar Highway demonstration project at the Interstate-5/Interstate-205 interchange; and

WHEREAS, ODOT and PGE are exploring locations for future solar highway projects in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has a significant amount of right-of-way suitable for such a project in West Linn north of I-205 and east of Salamo Road; and

WHEREAS, this location meets ODOT criteria for developing a solar highway; and

WHEREAS, this location is large enough to locate the world’s largest solar highway; and

WHEREAS, such a project would make West Linn a world leader in the effort to promote renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the West Linn Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan includes a proposed path through this property; and

WHEREAS, City of West Linn staff have been working with ODOT to secure an easement and potential funding resources for a path through this property as part of the solar highway project to benefit the community of West Linn; and

WHEREAS, local jobs for solar panel production and installation will positively benefit the Oregon economy, and increased attention in West Linn’s environmental stewardship will increase tourism and visitation to West Linn; and

WHEREAS, West Linn has asked ODOT to consider locating the world’s largest solar highway project in this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN THAT:

Section 1: As part of its effort to provide for a more sustainable future for the West Linn community and for the citizens of Oregon, the West Linn City Council supports working in good faith with ODOT as it considers locating

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the solar highway project in West Linn with thoughtful consideration of any issues of community concern, while providing periodic Council updates.

Section 2: City staff is directed to offer the assistance needed to solicit feedback from the community and support this good faith effort.

Section 3: City staff is directed to work with ODOT to ensure that a path or path easement is included in the planning for the project by completing such design work as may be needed for that planning and to facilitate timely requests for potential funding.

Section 4: This resolution is effective upon passage.

This resolution is adopted this 27th day of July 2009.

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